



ASIAN AMERICAN EXPERIENCE

Overview



- ✦ Define Asian-American Origins
 - ▮ Origins and Historical Perspective
 - ▮ Contemporary Issues
 - ▮ Social Structure
 - ▮ Values and backgrounds affecting
 - ▮ Military contributions

Definition

DoD Directive 1350.2, an Asian or Pacific Islander is a person having origins in any of the original peoples of the Far East, Southeast Asia, the Indian subcontinent, or the Pacific Islands.

Origins of the Asian-American

- ✦ Chinese (1840s - 1882)
- ▮ Japanese (1860 - 1907)
- ▮ Filipino (1899 - 1934)
- ▮ Korean (1901 - 1907)

Legislation Affecting Asian-Americans

- ▮ Foreign Miner's Act
 - 1852 California passed this legislation to tax all foreigners in mining
- ▮ Naturalization Act
 - Passed in 1870, this Act forbade the entry of spouse s into the U.S.
- ▮ Chinese Exclusion Act
 - Passed in 1882, This legislation precluded Chinese immigration

Legislation Affecting Asian-Americans

- ✦ Gentlemen's Agreement
 - Japanese agreed to voluntarily restrict immigration
- ▢ Cable Act
 - This stated that if your an American female and marry a foreign male, you lose citizenship
- ▢ Alien Land Act
 - Prevented aliens from owning land in California

Legislation Affecting Asian-Americans

- ▢ Exclusionary Immigration Act
 - This excluded all Asian and put quotas on British, Germans, and others
- ▢ Tiddings-McDuffie Act
 - Granted Common Wealth status to the Philippines giving them independence, therefore making them subject to quotas.
- ▢ Walter-McCarren Act
 - In 1952 Asians could apply for naturalization

World War II

- ▢ Executive Order 9066
 - Basically stated that all person of Japanese ancestry living in certain parts of the country were to be interned

- ▢ Repeal Chinese Exclusion Act
 - The Chinese were our allies so a quota system was set up allowing 100 immigrant a year.

Stereotypes

A large, leafy tree with a thick trunk and many branches, set against a dark background. The tree is positioned on the right side of the slide, with its canopy extending towards the top right corner. The trunk is thick and gnarled, with several smaller branches extending outwards. The leaves are green and dense, covering most of the upper right portion of the slide.

- ▮ Myths
- ▮ Facts
- ▮ Reality

Chinese Social Structure



- ▢ Individual
- ▢ Family (Clan)
- ▢ Respect for Age
- ▢ Strong Male Tradition
- ▢ Filial Piety

Japanese Social Structure



- ▯ Patriarchal
- ▯ Filial Piety
- ▯ Male Oriented
- ▯ Family Above Individual
- ▯ Concept of “House”

Korean Social Structure



- ▮ Social Class Stratification
- ▮ Filial Piety
- ▮ Male Dominance
- ▮ Concept of “CHIP”
- ▮ Strong respect for elders and education

Filipino Social Structure

- ▮ Affected by outside influences
- ▮ Less formal family relationships
- ▮ Extended family
- ▮ Male-Female relationships exist

Chinese Language

- ▮ Oldest and most widespread on Earth
 - gesture and tone important
- ▮ Spoken language is mono-symbolic
- ▮ Over 1000 dialects
- ▮ One written language
- ▮ Ideographs for words

Japanese Language

- ▮ Written language borrowed from China
- ▮ Poly-symbolic and mutually intelligible
- ▮ Express ideas versus words
- ▮ Written language
 - Kanji, Hiragana, Katakana

Korean Language

- ▮ Written with Chinese characters
- ▮ Grammar similar to Japanese
- ▮ Different levels of speech
- ▮ Dialects mutually intelligible

Filipino Language

- ▮ 300 different languages
- ▮ Tagalog national language
- ▮ No sounds for F, V, W, Z
- ▮ Different dialects

Chinese Religion



- ▮ Non-Christian
- ▮ Confucianism
- ▮ Taoism
- ▮ Buddhism
- ▮ Chinese Christianity

Japanese Religion



- ▮ Buddhism
- ▮ Shinto
- ▮ Japanese Christianity

Korean Religion



- ▮ Taoism
- ▮ Buddhism
- ▮ Confucianism
- ▮ Korean Christianity
- ▮ Ch'ondo-Gyo

Filipino Religion

- ▢ Catholicism
- ▢ Islamic

Other Considerations

- ▮ Chinese Concept of “Face” and visibility
- ▮ Japanese generations change
- ▮ Korean concept of “Kibun”
- ▮ Filipino loyalty

Values and Attitudes Affecting Asian-Americans



- ▮ Education
- ▮ Economic Issues
- ▮ U.S. Military

Current Problems and Issues



- ▮ Family
- ▮ Overcoming Stereotypes
- ▮ Backlash due to “New Immigrants”

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